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SHIPYARD INDUSTRY ASSURED FOR ALEXANDRIA

Facts Concerning the Project Made Public at Mass Meeting of Citizens Last Night—Contracts Secured for $20,000,000 Worth of Ships to be Built Here in New Shipyard—Will Mean Increase of $5,000,000 per Annum to Payrolls in this City—Representative Carlin Makes Announcement of Great Interest to Alexandrians—Charles W. Morse, Noted Ship Builder, of New York, President Colin H. Livingstone, of Washington, Head of New Plant, Among Prominent Men Present.

The formal announcement made by Representative Charles C. Carlin last night at the public meeting of citizens in the Opera House that Alexandria will soon have a new shipbuilding industry brought happiness to everyone in the large audience which filled the house. Mayor Thomas A. Fisher called the meeting to order and after announcing the reason for holding it, called Representative Carlin to the chair to preside. The members of the common council, Judge Louis C. Barley, M. B. Harlow, Mr. Charles W. Morse and Stuart G. Gibboney of New York city, and Mr. Colin H. Livingstone of Washington, occupied seats on the stage.

When Mr. Carlin arose to make the announcement which all were anxiously awaiting to hear, he was given rounds of cheers and it was some little time before he was permitted to proceed.

Mr. Carlin said substantially and in part as follows:

"My Fellow Citizens: I have but one object in view in asking you to come here tonight and that is that I felt it my duty to advise the people of Alexandria definitely and accurately concerning a matter about which there have been so many unauthorized statements. To give you the story first-handed, so that your property rights can be intelligently handled. Not until last Friday night at six o'clock was the contract signed so that anything could really be said. Some four years ago I asked Congress to expend $100,000 to deepen the channel of the Potomac river in front of this city. On examination it was found that certain conditions did not exist as we thought, and as a matter of fact Congress spent about $180,000 in providing the present channel in front of Alexandria. In the making of the channel, what is known as the Agnew property was built up. Later the matter relating to certain riparian rights was taken into the courts and it is there yet, but we have the channel with a depth of about 35 feet.

"Some months ago, a man interested in the city asked that the government engineers examine the property fronting on the river, but it could not be done at once. I took the matter up. A company was found which said it would build ships here if the property was satisfactory, and as a result the company will build $20,000,000 worth of ships here in this city. A corporation has been formed that will not ask Alexandria for a single dollar of money and will expend from $1,500,000 to $2,500,000 here, to start with. I am also glad to state that this shipyard will be a permanent operation. It is not designed or intended for temporary use. The expenditure necessary to establish it would not justify a temporary plant. Another thing. The United States Steamship Company has as its moving spirit and perhaps its directing head, one of the greatest ship building operators in the world—Mr. C. W. Morse—who is here with us tonight.

"And I want to say further, that no one person concerned is taking credit for bringing the plant here. There is credit enough for us all. But I want to name some gentlemen in Alexandria who have rendered valuable assistance, among whom are M. B. Harlow, Samuel G. Brent, Judge Barley and James R. Caton.

"This is only the beginning of ship building in Alexandria and only the beginning of the locating of other industries here. There is another thing coming which will mean much more to Alexandria than the ship building project, but I find that it cannot be referred to further tonight. I hope there will be no one to hold up the industrial procession. Mr. Morse has taken several options on property located in different parts of the city, but not for the purpose of making profit out of them, but for the purpose of helping the $,500 men who will soon be coming here, engineers, skilled mechanics and others, in various lines, and it is possible that he will bring large boats here to house them until they can be better accommodated.

"And right here we have a problem on our hands. Somebody must cooperate with these people and help find homes for them. I do not think we could house 500 properly now, so if we take care of 1,000 or more later on, we have something to do. We have been waiting a century for 'fighting to strike' Alexandria. What we want is a good steady, healthy growth, not a 'boom.' I have had money in some of those things and they bursted. (Laughter). In the way of liquid refreshments we can offer nothing but good, sparkling water. (Cheers.) And we have a splendid back country that can furnish plenty of good things to eat.

"The result so far attained has not been the work of a moment. For the past month it has meant work almost day and night, and another whom I wish to thank for much that he has done is Mr. Colin H. Livingstone, of Washington, who has just come in the house. In the next twelve months twelve ships must be built. That will mean that at least $7,500,000 will be turned loose in Alexandria. How much of that sum will remain here I cannot tell, but I cannot imagine of any concern, from the bootblack up, that will not be very materially helped. The shipyard must be finished in three months, upon which from $1,500,000 to $2,500'000, will be spent. The contracts have been signed on the part of the government, but I am told tonight that two people in Alexandria have not signed. I hope by tomorrow noon they will have signed."

Mr. Colin H. Livingstone Speaks.

Mr. Carlin next introduced Mr. Colin H. Livingstone, of Washington, president of the American Shipbuilding Corporation, the subsidiary company which will operate the Alexandria enterprise. Mr. Livingstone, who was warmly greeted by the audience, said, among other things:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: I want to say that while the atmosphere is decidedly chilly outside this reception is certainly a warm one. And I want to say of your congressman that we esteem him in Washington as one of the most able and brilliant members of the House. To him must be given the credit for the promotion of this shipbuilding proposition. I feel that I somewhat belong to Alexandria, in a way, as I have been so much identified with interests that have been more or less connected with those of this city. We are going to do things here, and it will not be many months before you will all be cheering the launching of some of the big ships which will be turned out from the Alexandria ship yards. We are going to bring from 2,500 to 4,000 men here. And I want you to treat them as you would wish to be treated. Don't try to get all their money away from them. Help them in every way that you can, to get homes and make themselves comfortable, and they will be the means of helping you. In other words, I want you all to stand right by us."

Mr. Stuart G. Gibboney, General Counsel for the Company Makes Brief Address.

Mr. Carlin next introduced Mr. Stuart G. Gibboney, of New York city, general counsel of the American Shipbuilding Company. Mr. Gibboney is a native of Virginia having been born in Wytheville, this state, and was one of the Democrats of New York state who first advocated the nomination of Woodrow Wilson for the Presidency. Mr. Gibboney said:

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is a pleasure for me to speak to you as fellow Virginians as I am a Virginian myself. Am glad to be associated with the men who are connected with this shipbuilding enterprise which we hope to soon see established here in your city. We have come here, largely through the influence of your congressman, and I want to say right here that no more patriotic service can be engaged in than the building of ships to carry our soldiers and supplies across the sea to do our part in putting an end to the German campaign of cruelty and barbarianism. We want your cooperation and believe that you will give it." Mr. Gibboney paid a fine tribute to Mr. Charles W. Morse before closing his remarks.

Mr. Charles W. Morse Speaks.

Mr. Carlin then introduced Mr. Morse, whom he termed as the master ship builder of the world. As Mr. Morse arose to respond the audience burst forth in greeting and applause which continued for some time. When he was finally given an opportunity he said, very modestly and substantially as here given:

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: When I was invited to come here I said that I would rather build a ship than make a speech. About a month ago I received a telegram that I was wanted here on a very important matter and asking if I would come. As a result, we shall build twelve ships here. I can see no reason why our industry here should not be permanent and no reason why Alexandria should not be equally as good a place in which to build ships as any point on the Atlantic seaboard. My three sons will be here with you. I am sorry they could not be here tonight. We want you to feel that we are only the servants of the government. I believe that I can safely say that within the next fifty years the United States will control the commerce of the seas, which will mean that it will control the commerce of the world."

In answer to questions asked him by Mr. Carlin, Mr. Morse stated that it would be necessary for his company to expend from a million and one-half to two million and one-half of dollars to build and equip the shipyard to be established in Alexandria.

Officers of the Alexandria Company.

The officers and directors of the American Shipbuilding Corporation, the subsidiary company of the United States Shipbuilding Company, which will operate the shipyard in Alexandria, are as follows, the charter having been filed in the corporation clerk's office in this city on Monday of this week:

The officers are: Colin H. Livingstone, of Washington, president; B. W. Morse, of New York, vice-president; B. G. Higley, of New York, vice-president and secretary; H. F. Morse, of New York, treasurer.

There are 12 directors: Davis Elkins, Washington; Wm. Guggenheim, New York; Robert Jackson, Concord, N. H.; B. G. Higley, New York; Geo. W. Loft, New York; Colin H. Livingstone, Washington; C. W. Morse, New York; B. W. Morse, New York; E. A. Morse, New York; T. A. Shoreham, New York; R. Lancaster Williams, Baltimore.

The minimum capital of the company is given as $1,000,000, and the maximum $10,000,000.

LIFELESS HANDS GUIDE AUTO.

Machine With Dead Man at Wheel Finally Hits Another.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Lifeless hands guided an automobile through crowded Lasalle street at noon yesterday until a collision with another automobile, at Jackson Boulevard, disclosed that the man at the wheel was dead. J. W. Cregar, 674 Irving Park Boulevard, had died of heart disease while driving his car, but it is not known how long he had been dead before the collision. He ran into an automobile being driven by J. F. Bowen, of No. 1408 West Harrison street, and both cars were damaged.

Traffic Policeman Michael Carey narrowly escaped being run down by the car containing the dead man. He was carrying a messenger boy, who had collapsed from the cold, into the Western Union Building, when Cregar's car brushed past him, the wheel barely missing his foot.

Cregar was connected with the Niles Bement Pond Company, No. 573 Washington boulevard, and was 55 years old.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

A subscription for five dollars from Mrs. J. E. Glasgow for the Y. M. C. A. War fund is acknowledged today by the local committee.

S. A. Saffell, telegraph operator at Potomac railroad yards, was struck by a shifting train yesterday and painfully injured.

Mr. William Edward Dunn and Miss Harriet Pollard, were married last night in the M. E. Church South by Rev. E. V. Regester. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn will reside in Wilmington, Delaware.

In the Corporation Court today a final decree was awarded in the case of Aurelia C. Ockershausen vs. Harry Ockershausen, granting a divorce to the plaintiff from the defendant upon the ground of desertion.

The regular meeting of the city council which was to have been held last night, was adjourned until tonight in order that the members might attend the public meeting of citizens at the Opera House. The council will meet at 7:30.

An electric car was derailed at the freight station at the foot of Royal street late yesterday afternoon. Trolleyman R. N. McKenney was slightly injured and a colored woman, a passenger, also sustained minor bruises.

Those interested in the organization of the new military company which is to be formed in this city, can call at the Armory on South Royal street this evening between the hours of seven and nine o'clock and learn any particulars concerning the company from Dr. T. B. Cochran.

Osceola Tribe of Red men will confer degrees at the meeting to be held this evening, and an oyster supper will also be partaken of.

Captain and Mrs. H. C. Davenport and little daughter, Miriam, of Boston, Mass., are spending some time with Mrs. Davenport's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Sparrow.

Mrs. Margaret Ann Gordon died last night at the residence of Mrs. George Hill, 617 South Washington street. The deceased was 75 years old. The body will be sent to Fairfax tomorrow for interment.

At the Lyceum Hall last night, the drawing for articles left from the Autumn Festival was held and resulted as follows: Victrola, went to A. S. Schrader, of the Machine Shop, Navy Yard; Hoosier cabinet to Jno. E. Brenner, 514 South Alfred street; cedar chest to Mrs. Nora Petitt, Gibbon street; wrist watch to Mrs. James Power, King street; art vase to Mr. Jno. J. Hanratty south Royal street; doll to D. Gwynn at H. Wildt and Sons.

The Christmas boxes to be sent from Alexandria to the soldiers and sailors by the Red Cross Refreshment committee will be packed on Saturday evening in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. All those desiring to have their gifts sent by the committee are requested to send them to the Chamber of Commerce rooms, Brawner Brothers' store or to Dr. T. B. Cochran's office at 722 King street, between now and Saturday evening. All contributions will be appreciated.

The funeral of Mrs. Mollie Studds took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from her late home in Del Ray. Rev. Dr. S. A. Wallis of the Theological Seminary officiated. Burial was in Bethel cemetery.

An entertainment for the benefit of the Children's Home will be given Monday evening next in the Elks' auditorium, in which Misses Isabel Sterns, Geraldine Harvey, Emma Roach and Selma Chrismond of Washington will take part in the "National Dance."

The question of coal is still a serious one in Alexandria. Those in a position to know say that it behooves all house owners to be especially careful of any supply they may have on hand. Only about seven carloads have been received within the past few days and the greater part of that has been given out. "Coalless days" may be the experience of some if the situation is not relieved soon.

Rev. Thomas Semmes last night in St. Paul's church preached a most interested sermon on "The Coming of Christ," and also resumed his answers to the various religious questions which had been submitted to him. Tonight he will address the congregation on the "Duty of Christ," and expresses a great desire for a large congregation, especially of men. Tomorrow night he will resume his special request for prayer and by request give an analysis upon "The Lord's Prayer," which is said by those who have heard him upon this subject to be a most interesting and instructive address.

CONGRESS AND THE WAR.

Sweeping Investigation of the War Department and Administration Started.

Congress is opening the lid on the war. In the course of a few hours yesterday the Capitol acted in such a way as to pry loose the covers in all directions.

Equipment, ordnance and supplies for the military forces; methods of the government in handling the food and fuel supplies of the nation are all to be looked into.

It is expected that in addition to starting the probes already launched, inquiries will be undertaken into matters relating to the financing of the war.

In subscribing to the investigations already provided for, Republicans in both branches of Congress let it be known that they have not abandoned the idea, which many of them support, of insisting on the creation of a Congressional committee that will have a supervisory outlook upon the the administration.

A sweeping investigation of the War Department and the administration's conduct of the war will be started by the Senate Military Committee today.

Maj.-Gen. William Crozier, chief of the bureau of ordance, has been summoned to take the stand at 10 o'clock.

Secretary Baker and other high officials probably will be questioned, particular stress being laid on inquiries concerning shortages of equipment and clothing for the soldiers.

Gen. Crozier will be asked concerning defective fuses in the ammunition supplies to Gen. Pershing's force in France and the shortage of rifles at the cantonments.

The Senate Committee on Military Affairs yesterday decided to make the inquiry. Senator Chamberlain, the chairman, and Senator Wadsworth, one of the influential Republican members said the investigation was undertaken in no hostile spirit.

Senator Chamberlain is very close to the administration. He took the selective draft and other administration bills through the Senate.

The investigation will be the direct result of unnumbered complaints of lack of clothing and ordnance. Fathers and mothers have complained that pneumonia epidemics in cantonments are largely due to the drafted men lacking warm clothing.

Officers and privates will be summoned to testify.

Norfolk Oysters, Hampton Bars and Potomac River oysters. J. Brul No. 2 King street.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

Members Asked to Display Service Flags and Candles in Windows of Their Homes Christmas Eve.

A Red Cross Christmas eve is being planned by that organization for use by millions of its members throughout the United States. In every home and place of business there is wanted a Red Cross Service Flag during Christmas week. Each member is being urged to light a candle behind the flag promptly at 7:30 o'clock on Christmas eve, and to keep it lighted until 9 o'clock. All churches are asked to chime their bells at half-hour intervals between the same hours. Red Cross workers will be organized into groups and go singing Christmas carols through their neighborhoods.

Each Red Cross Service flag distributed will have instructions printed on the back encouraging the members to take part in the ceremony on Christmas eve by having a lighted candle in his window. Pastors will be asked to mention it in their sermons, and educational institutions will be asked for the priviledge of explaining to the children the significance of the custom. It is expected that the desire of the community to participate in the Christmas eve ceremony will be an interesting inducement for the securing of new memberships.

Want 3,000 Members in Alexandria.

It is hoped that at least 3,000 persons will be members of the Red Cross in Alexandria by Christmas time, and a campaign with that object in view is now under way.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Members of City Council Transacted No Business Last Night, But Will Meet Tonight.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the City Council was to have been held last night. Four Aldermen appeared and a quorum of the Common Council was on hand. Both boards however, agreed to adjourn until tonight in order that the members could attend the mass meeting at the Opera House where Hon. C. C. Carlin and others explained in detail the plans of the New York Shipbuilding Company, which will during the next few months place one of the branches of their plant in Alexandria.

But few instances can be recalled of similar action upon the part of the City Council where they gathered in their respective chambers without transacting any business and adjourned for the purpose of attending a public meeting. But the proceedings in the Opera House last night overshadowed everything else, and everybody earnestly desired to be present. At the adjournment all felt that it was good for them to have been there.

SCHOOL DESTROYED.

Morgan College at Lynchburg Burned Monday Morning.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 12.—Morgan college, a handsome structure of four stories for colored students situated in the suburbs, was totally destroyed Monday morning by a fire which started in the roof. The loss is estimated at $50,000, partially covered by insurance. The school had been maintained twenty-six years and had a high standing among colored schools. It was known as the Virginia collegiate and industrial school of the Morgan college, with headquarters at Baltimore. The Lynchburg school was a preparatory school of the main college at Baltimore. The school was maintained by the Washington conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. The school was in charge of Professor L. M. McCoy, colored, of Little Rock, and will probably be rebuilt. No one was injured and the students will be sent to their homes.

The Entire Social club of Washington wishes to announce that they will give regular Friday night dances in the Elks Auditorium, beginning Friday, December 14. Ladies free, gentlemen 50 cents. 296-3t.

An oyster supper under the auspices of the Parents Teacher's Association will be given Thursday, December 13, 1917, from 5 to 9 o'clock in Lee Camp Hall. Tickets 35c. 295-3t.

RETURNS TRUE BILL

Trial of Dr. Asa W. Chamberlain in Goochland County Set to Begin January 2.

The grand jury of Goochland county on Monday afternoon returned a true bill against Dr. Asa W. Chamberlain for the murder of his brother, Judge Albert Chamberlain.

Judge Rutherford announced that a special term of the court would be held beginning Wednesday, January 2, for the trial of the case. The prisoner was brought back to Richmond yesterday evening by Sheriff Webb Sydnor, of Henrico, and lodged in Henrico jail, where he will be held until his trial.

The crime for which Dr. Chamberlain stands indicted is one of the most remarkable in the history of the state's criminal annals. The brothers had had trouble over business matters, resulting in litigation in which judgement was granted the judge against the doctor. A day or two after the judges's disappearance from his home in Goochland neighbors called on the doctor for some information as to his whereabouts. The doctor declared that his brother had gone West to look after some mining interests and that he had just paid him $1,200 in settlement of the claim which had been the subject of litigation. A telephone message showed that the judge had not taken the train at his usual station and the hunt was continued.

The search was diligently prosecuted while their suspicions thoroughly aroused, county officers and citizens detained the doctor. The remains of the judge, cut up in small pieces, and buried in post-holes under posts on the doctor's farm were finally discovered.

The accused was immediately brought to Henrico jail for safekeeping, and has been here ever since. Both men came to Virginia a few years ago from the West.

POLICE COURT NOTES.

Several Cases of Disorderly Conduct Disposed of This Morning.

Two young white men caused some excitement on Pitt street, near Prince, yesterday afternoon when they attacked an acquaintance and bruised him considerably. Sergeant Roberts appeared while the "mill" was in progress and put the assailants under arrest. Each left $10 collateral for their appearance this morning. They were on hand when the case was called, with Robinson Moncure as their counsel. They made no defense, and were fined $20 each. A man who was charged with being a party to bringing on the trouble, was fined $5 for disorderly conduct.

James Baker and John Jackson, both colored, charged with disorderly conduct, were fined $5 each.

John Evans, a stranger, who had been taken in custody as a suspicious character, was detained until tomorrow for a further investigation.

A resident of the First ward, charged by his wife with non-support, had his case continued until tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock.

"Scandal" at the Richmond.

As the headstrong, wilful daughter of a wealthy New York family, Constance Talmadge scores an unqualified success in her new select production, "Scandal," which is a gripping screen version of Cosmo Hamilton's novel. The picture which will be shown at the Richmond Theatre tonight is filled with tense moments and reveals this newest star as an actress of unusual charm and ability.

"The Pulse of Life," featuring Wedgewood Nowell and Gypsy Harte in Rex Ingram's production of E. Magnus Ingelton's story of love and vengenace will be seen at the Surprise.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our relatives and friends for their kind sympathy and beautiful flowers in the hour of our sorrow and the loss of our dear mother.

By her children, Lawrence M. Dawkins, Fannie M. Dawkins. 295-2t

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GOOD NEWS FOR ALL.

No event that has transpired within the city of Alexandria in years has brought so much joy to so many hearts as did the announcements made by Representative Carlin and the other speakers at the public meeting of citizens held in the Opera House here last night.

"We have been waiting for lightning to strike Alexandria for a century," said Mr. Carlin in the course of his remarks, and it certainly looks as though it had or is about to hit us. Nature did much in the way of providing Alexandria with wonderful natural advantages as a building and shipping point, and it would seem that men of big affairs have at last been enlisted to assist the good people of this old city to reap the benefit of them.

With contracts already signed for the building of twelve millions worth of new ships for Uncle Sam, the distribution approximately of five millions of dollars in the way of increased payrolls to the workmen who will come to reside in the city—well it is good news for all.

What it will mean to Alexandria cannot now be foretold. Suffice it to say, however, that one will scarcely any imagination can see that it should at least mean an increase of at least from twelve to fourteen thousand people to its population, and that will mean new homes better schools, more and larger business houses as well improved streets and better conditions in every way.

In other words, it brings the assurance that the city of Alexandria will soon take its place among the wide-awake, up-to-date, thriving prosperous cities of the country which its splendid location entitle it to. One large industry, as a rule brings others, and if what has been intimated is true, they are already headed in this direction. This city is admirably located to be the workshop of Washington. It is not so far away from the heads of the various departments but that the necessary work of inspection could be done quickly and conveniently by them and it seems that the government officials have recognized that fact. Intimations are heard of the locating of other plants here for the prosecution of government work, and let us hope that nothing will be placed in the way of their coming.

The statement made last night that the present proposition is being held up by two persons has brought down upon their heads today an avalanche of the severest censure from all parts of the city. In fact, it was rumored in more than one business house this morning that extreme measures would be advised if the attempt to thwart the bringing of the shipbuilding plant to Alexandria was carried much farther.

The more attempt of two people to hold up the progress of an entire city for selfish pecuniary reasons, is beyond comprehension. It is to be hoped that their signatures to the necessary papers will be obtained without further delay, and thereby avoid the drastic censure of the community at large and possible intervention by authorities higher up.

Too much credit can not be given to Representative Carlin and the others who have given their time in bringing this industry to Alexandria. The name of M. B. Harlow, Samuel G. Brent, Judge Louis C. Barley and Hon. James R. Caton should not be over looked.

CARRYING WEAPONS.

Some of our contemporaries are writing a lot about the suppression, or rather, the suggestion of suppressing, the carrying of concealed weapons in this State, and those that agree on it, are advocating the enactment of more drastic laws on the subject. The Danville Register started the ball rolling on this proposition, and Clifton Forge Review, has strongly seconded it.

The Charlottesville Progress in this discussion says aside from the main question, that of enacting more drastic laws than we have now, we would call attention to the fact that the present statue provides a jail sentence of "not over 30 days" in the discretion of the justice trying the case; and this is in addition to a fine of not less than $20 nor more than $100; and both may be inflicted, if the justice deems that the circumstances make it proper.

How much more punishment would our friends favor inflicting in such cases? For our part, we see no use in denouncing penalties which the common opinion of the public will not enforce; and this class of cases certainly come under such a category. Just a week ago an appeal from a sentence by a justice of $100 for carrying a weapon hid about the person of a defendant, was tried before a jury of seven men, and the amount was reduced by them to only $20, though the circumstances were testified to by the same witnesses exactly in the two trials.

DEEDS, NOT CREEDS, COUNT.

One of the writers of the New Testament says: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

We have no intention of delivering a sermon, but this time, when the earth is mantled with snow and the bleak winds whistle around the habitations of so many who are not only deprived of comforts of life, but are barely able to exist by reason of the almost prohibitive prices of fuel and eatables, kindly acts, especially upon the part of some who refuse to let their left hands know what their right doeth, and which are pleasing to the Good Shepherd should be published.

On Monday a generous-hearted citizen of Richmond sent his check for $1,248, covering the needs of ten worthy persons. The only condition attached to the check was that the name of this public-spirited man should not be made public.

GERMAN BRUTALITY.

Boche Spiked Clubs Beat Out Brains of Enemy.

New York, Dec. 12.—How Austrian and German troops fighting on the Italian front use spiked clubs with which to kill Italians overcome by gas fumes, was told at the National Arts Club yesterday afternoon, by Charles Upson Clark, director of classical studies in the American Academy in Rome, just back from the war zone. Stillettos are also given Austrian troops for the slaying of disabled enemies.

"First," said Dr. Clark, "there was opposition among the Austrians to using gas. One of their ranking generals resigned his commission when ordered to use it. But now they go even further. The Austrians now equip their men with spiked clubs with which to dispatch enemies overcome by gas or otherwise disabled.

"These weapons are clubs with a long spike on the end and a circle with spikes on it about the head. If a jab with the end of the club does not dispatch the victim, then the spikes in the circle are available for this use.

"More recently Austrian troops have been given long, thin stilettos as an additional weapon with which to dispatch their disabled foes. New gases are also being used.

"In the recent drive the Austrian and German troops used three gases; first, an irritant gas which is very penetrating and forces the removal of masks; then an emetic gas bomb and then, of course, the asphyxiating gases. Even with these, however, they did not succeed in getting as far as Italy expected they would. The line on the Piave River was not looked to as a permanent line. The best that Italy hoped for was to delay the enemy.

REVOLT AIMED AT GERMANY.

Siberian Government Stops Food Supplies From Going to Petrograd.

Petrograd, Dec. 12.—The Provisional Government of Siberia has ordered the stoppage of food supplies for European Russian, particularly Petrograd, on the ground that they may reach Germany.

London, Dec. 12.—The counter revolt in southeastern Russia, under the leadership of General Kaledines, Dutoff and Korniloff is apparently aimed at seizing the authority in that region and in cutting off food supplies from Siberia. According to the proclamation of the Bolsheviki government, Gen. Kaledines' forces are menacing Ekaterinoslav, Kharkov and Moscow. In the province of Orenburg the Bolsheviki have been overthrown by Gen. Dutoff.

Tchelabinsk, an important railway center in Northeastern Orenburg, is besieged by Gen. Dutoff's troops. In the Caucasus Gen. Karabloff is attacking Tchechenuev and Ingusher.

MANY LIKE THIS IN ALEXANDRIA.

Similar Cases Being Published in Each Issue.

The following case is but one of many occurring daily in Alexndria. It is an easy matter to verify it. You cannot ask for better proof of merit.

Walter C. Dameron, railroad brakeman, 325 north Columbus St., Alexandria, says: "My back hurt so badly that often I had to lay off from work. After I got down I couldn't straighten up again without sharp pains catching me across my kidneys. There was hardly a night passed that my back didn't ache. My kidneys acted too frequently and during the night I had to get up every little while. When morning came, I felt so tired and weak I could hardly drag myself out of bed. I doctored and tried different medicines, but felt no better until I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Henry Callan's Drug Store and used them. I took about six boxes in all and since then I have had but little trouble from my kidneys and have felt like a different person."

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Beginning December 1st, 1917, notice will be sent out with each bill carrying a balance delinquent thirty days or more, that service will be disconnected in ten days unless paid in full.

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PREPARE FOR NEXT WINTER

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Pint Bottles 20c. Quart Bottles 35c.

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ADOPTS BUSINESS PLAN.

Norfolk Baptist Church to be Governed as a Business House.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 12.—A plan by which the affairs of the Freemason-Street Baptist church will hereafter be administered very much as are those of modern business houses, was adopted by the congregation of that church Sunday. The system is known as the "business organization" of the church, and is something unique in religious circles, no other church or congregation, so far as known, having attempted anything like it.

The plan provides for an administrative board composed of the deacons, which shall supervise the work of the general chairman, and the chairmen of the general committees on finance, music, property, social service and ushers. These in turn have charge of various other departments of church activity, the whole effect being that in the last analysis all are responsible to the general chairman and he to the advisory board.

The immediate direction of the business affairs are to be in charge of the general chairman, who shall be elected by the church upon the recommendation of the advisory board. The plan, which was unanimously adopted, will be put into operation immediately.

HALIFAX MYSTERY CLEARED.

Rumored U-Boat Proves to Have Been Tanker Towed by Steamer.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—News of the safe arrival at Halifax of the Montreal Harbor Commission steamer Sir Hugh Allan, with an oil tanker in tow, solves, in the opinion of shipping men, the mystery surrounding two strange craft reported to have been seen off Halifax the night before the explosion by the captain of a steamship arriving at an Atlantic port last Saturday. The captain said he had nearly run into two vessels, resembling a large submarine in tow of a steamer.

The Allan and her tow reached Halifax before the explosion, but her officers and crew had been so busy with relief work that no opportunity was found to report her arrival.

EXPLOSION IN PLANT.

Wilmington, Del., Rocked by Force of Upheaval.

Wilmington, Dec. 12.—An explosion at the munitions plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company, at New Castle, six miles below Wilmington, is reported to have wrecked that establishment early today.

The force of the explosion was felt for miles. Chester, Pa., reported that windows were shaken in buildings there. Early reports were that the munitions plant took fire following the explosion.

Lives were endangered by exploding shells.

Reports from the scene of the reported disaster are meager. Physicians and nurses are being rushed from this city, as it is feared there may be a heavy loss of life.

OFFICIAL.

Board of Aldermen.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held December 11, 1917, there were present:

F. F. Marbury, esq., President, and Messrs. Ballenger, Harrison, and Wilkins.

As no quorum appeared, the board adjourned to meet December 12, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

F. F. MARBURY, President.

Teste: Maurice Wilkins, Clerk pro tem.

"A SPLENDID TONIC"

Says Hixson Lady Who, On Doctor's Advice, Took Cardui And Is Now Well.

Hixson, Tenn.—"About 10 years ago I was..." says Mrs. J. R. Gadd, of this place. "I suffered with a pain in my left side. I did not sleep at night with this pain, always in the left side...

My doctor told me to use Cardui. I took one bottle, which helped me and after my baby came I was stronger and better, but the pain was still there.

I at first let it go, but began to get weak and in a run-down condition, so I decided to try some more Cardui, which I did.

This last Cardui which I took made me much better, in fact, cured me. It has been a number of years, still I have no return of this trouble.

I feel it was Cardui that cured me, and I recommend it as a splendid female tonic."

Don't allow yourself to become weak and run-down from womanly troubles. Take Cardui. It should surely help you, as it has so many thousands of other women in the past 40 years. Headache, backache, sideache, nervousness, sleeplessness, tired-out feeling, are all signs of womanly trouble. Other women get relief by taking Cardui. Why not you? All druggists. NC-132

Announcement

We respectfully beg to announce it is absolutely essential to increase slightly our charges for laundering certain articles of bed and table linen—we leave it to your own good judgment, as to cause of same. We have up to the present and will continue, WITH YOUR CO-OPERATION to maintain a service to the people of Alexandria at a cost lower than 90 per cent of the laundries in in the United States.—Thanks do your bit. Have packages ready when our driver calls—It helps.

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Desk Sets,	$3.50 to $15
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Pocket Books,	50c to $5.00
Brief Cases,	$5.00 up
Writing Cases,	$3.00 up
Tourist Pads,	$2.25 up
Address, Memo and Note Books, 25c to	$2.00

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Trumpets, ... 10c to 50c

The Fairfax Stock of Doll Cabs, Sleds, Velocipedes, Wagons, etc, are shown on the 2nd floor. These goods will be sold at the old prices, saving you 30 per cent on your purchase.

Gift Books, for boys and girls, 10c, 25c, 35c

Stationery in Holly and Fancy Boxes, at reduced prices 10c, 25c, 35c, 50c

Erector Building Outfits for boys, 10 per cent discount off regular prices, 50c to $5.00.

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Not over three cakes to a cusomer. No telephone orders.
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Ladies' Fur Sets, Scarf and Muffs to match, $19.50, $25.00, $30.00, $39.50, $49.50, $59.50.

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Ladies' Separate Muffs, $5.00, $6.50, $9.98, $12.50, $15.00.

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LOOTER EXECUTED.

Body Roped to Post, With Warning to Ghouls on Placard.

Halifax, Dec. 12.—A man was discovered looting yetserday in the devastated region. He was immediately shot. The body was roped to a post. Above his head the following placard was posted:

"This was a looter."

Col. Thompson, when questioned at military headquarters regarding the summary execution of the looter, declared no other means of dealing "with that kind of swine," would prove effective. The exposure of the bullet-riddled body, he said, would be a grim warning to others who might contemplate looting.

"We have no objection to the public knowing the nature the punishment in extreme cases of this kind,' he said.

Large numbers of workmen, laboring with feverish energy, succeeded before nightfall in restoring scores of damaged houses to such condition that they could be used.

Premier Borden yesterday received an appeal from some leading citizens requesting that the disaster be regarded by the government as of a war character. He was asked to see that industrial and other losses be made good by the government which was petitioned, through him to hold itself responsible for the conditions renering the explosion possible.

The official investigation, which was to have started yesterday, was postponed until today.

Still another snowstorm seriously interfered with the Red Cross work yesterday.

HANG NEGRO RIOTERS.

Secrecy Surrounding Court-Martial Revealed by Execution.

The veil of mystery which shut down over sixty-three negro troopers of the United States army, following their participation in race riots and the "shooting up" of the town of Houston, Tex., several months ago lifted yesterday.

Not a word had been heard from them or of them since the Houston incident. The veil lifted yesterday with a brief dispatch from Maj. Gen. Ruckman, commanding the Southern department, to Adj. Gen. McCain announced the execution of thirteen of the mutineers, the sentence to life imprisonment of forty-one and the imprisonment for short terms of four others, following sentence of court-martial.

Five were acquitted.

The proceedings of the court-martial were secret, as is usual. The men who paid the extreme penalty were executed between Monday afternoon and yesterday morning, following approval of the court's findings by Gen. Ruckman.

It was explained at the War Department that all such courts-martial are secret and that Gen. Ruckman had absolute authority in dealing with the findings. The War Department was not consulted and knew nothing until the dispatch yesterday.

LEGAL NOTICES

At a Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, continued and held at the Courthouse of said City on Monday, December 3rd, 1917.

Present, Hon. Louis C. Barley, Judge.

William M. Heyl, vs. Minnie C Heyl. In Chancery.

Upon the written application of the Complainant stating specifically the last known place of abode of the defendant, and it appearing to the Court that process has been issued and returned by the Sergeant of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, showing that the defendant was not found within the jurisdiction of this Court the following order of publication is granted this 3rd day of December, 1917.

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii for the Complainant from the Defendant on the ground of wilful desertion and abandonment for a period of more than three years and for general relief, and an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant, Minnie C. Heyl is a non-resident of the State of Virginia it is ordered that she do appear within fifteen days after due publication of said order of publication, and do what is necessary to protect her interest in this suit.

And it is further ordered that a copy of said order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Court House of the Corporation Court of said City on or before the next succeeding rule day after this order is entered; and that a copy of said order of publication shall be sent by registered mail by the Clerk of this Court, addressed to the said non-resident defendant at 111 B street, Southeast, Washington, D. C., her last known place of abode.

Teste:

NEVELL S GREENAWAY, Clerk.
H. Noel Garner, P. Q. 290-4w.

THINKS U. S. NAVY LEADS.

Washington of Opinion That it Has Surpassed British, or is About to do so.

Has the United States become the first sea power of the world as a result of the enormous expansion of the naval establishment in the pre-war period and the period since the war began?

This has suddenly become one of the interesting questions of the hour in Washington, a question raised by the publication of the annual report of Secretary of the Navy Daniels containing a fund of highly important facts concerning American naval strength.

The answer is that Great Britain has not lost her primacy upon the seas, but that if the American navy continues its growth for another year at the same rate as in the year that is passed and if Great Britain is unable to replace wastage of her war the United States may expect to to the list among naval nations in all the potentialities.

Even now America has pushed so far ahead of Germany in the climb for second place that there seems to be no possible way in which the German fighting fleets can ever again be a match for those of this country. Because of enormous losses sustained by the German navy it is even probable that France has displaced her as the third upon the list of naval powers.

It has been the losses borne by Great Britain upon the seas which have given the United States a chance to catch up in the friendly race between the two nations. For instance, it is known that the British navy has lost nearly a score of capital ships since the war began and three times as many more craft of smaller tonnage have gone down. Some of the vessels sunk were among the finest in the royal navy.

It has not only seemed impossible but it has been impossible for Great Britain to build warships as fast as she has lost them, maintaining the merchant ship construction at the same time. For that reason it is believed in Washington that she is weaker in actual fighting craft than at the beginning of the war.

ITALIANS HOLD POSITION.

Battle on Piave Delta Results in Defeat of Austro-Germans.

London, Dec. 12.—The battle on the Piave Delta, which opened Sunday with an Austro-German advance into the defenders' positions east of Capo Sile, about eight miles from the Adriatic, has ended in a brilliant victory for the Italians, the Rome war office reports.

The entire positions, situated within the area inundated by the Italians early in November when the enemy threatened a turning movement from the South, were recaptured Sunday night and held yesterday against powerful enemy efforts to win them back.

The losses of the Teuton forces were extremely severe, the statement asserts, many dead being left on the battlefield and scores of prisoners being taken by the Italians.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

Showers of Shells Batter French and British Lines in Teutons' Supreme Effort.

London, Dec. 12.—A cyclone of German shells battering the French and British lines all the way from the Swiss border to the sea is ushering in Hindenburg's supreme effort to win the war in the west before America appears in force upon the fighting line.

Today is the anniversary of the central powers' peace offer to the allies. If the usual method is pursued, neat little leaflets will be scattered by the thousands among the German troops, with the legend:

"A year ago today we offered peace. They refused. Now let us win it by the force of arms."

TO EXTEND DRAFT LIMITS.

Congress Plans to Call Upon Men Recently Attaining Majority.

The drive to extend the draft age got under way yesterday.

Senator Wadsworth introduced in the Senate a bill to extend the selective service law to take in all youths who have attained the age of 21 since the June 5 registration. The bill further provides that a similar registration shall be held every six months thereafter, making subject to draft all youths reaching the voting age in the interim.

On a rough estimate this would bring 500,000 additional men into the draft every six months.

Simultaneously, it was made public at the office of Provost Marshal General Crowder that provision is being made in the new reclassification system which becomes effective Saturday to include all fresh increments without the necessity of another registration or another draft.

In the House of Representative Julius Kahn, who steered the present draft law through that body, was preparing amendments to include youths of eighteen, nineteen, twenty and twenty-one. Those of the last named age would be made subject to draft immediately. The others would be given military training and would be subject to call when they reached the age of twenty-one.

The assertion was made that at least 2,000,000 men were expected to be found available for class 1 under the new regulations, and that the next draft would come entirely from this class.

By the time of future drafts to obtain the army of 6,000,000 men which the War Department experts estimate as necessary, it was declared enough recruits would be brought in under the extension of the law to those now reaching twenty-one and under to assure a plentiful supply of men without necessarily calling upon married men with dependents, as listed in class 4.

NEWS OF THE DAY

German propaganda, which upset the Italian morale and ruined Russia's great army, is now directed against the American troops. Not only have German propaganda newspapers been found scattered among the American camps, but recently little cards, inviting the Americans to desert, have been showered from airplanes. The cards printed in German, announce that all the Americans are invited to enter Germany and "help in fighting for only a just cause, which is the German republic."

A Geneva dispatch to the Vossisch Zeitung of Copenhagen, says that on receiving the cardinals December 23 the Pope will deliver an important pronunciamento on the question of peace.

German army officers aided Turkish their wholesale killings of Armenian Christians, Henry Morgenthau former Ambassador to Turkey, declared yesterday in New York. He said Germany was principally to blame.

A 14-foot shark was caught by a fisherman in a shrimp trawler yesterday off Amelia Island, Florida. Owing to its size it was taken to Fernandina and dissected. A man's head and hand in perfect condition and a whole marsh hen were found inside the monster.

Germany suffered a disaster comparable with a very serious military defeat in the explosion last month which destroyed the Griesheim chemical works near Frankfort on the Main, one of the greatest munitions factories in the world. It is said to be impossible to reconstruct the works during the war. The state ment adds that sooner or later Germany must show on her fighting fronts the effects of this staggering blow.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

Stockholders Meeting of the American Rutile Company of Virginia.

The annual Meeting of the stockholders of the American Rutile Co., will be held at the office of the company, No. 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria ,Virginia, on Monday, the 7th, of January, 1918, from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as can be lawfully considered. The transfer books will be closed for 10 days prior to the 7th day of January.

W. M. Slater, President.
Albert Harper, Sec. and Treas
296-12t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the company No. 107 north Fairfax street in the City of Alexandria State of Virginia, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Charles D. Walcott, President.
A. M. McLachlen, Secretary.
295-12t

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business of the Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 107 north Fairfax street, in the City of Alexandria, State of Virginia on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918 at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Charles D Walcott, President
A. M. McLachlen, Secretary.
295-12t,

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the McLachlen Banking Corporation for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the Company No. 107 North Fairfax street, in the city of Alexandria State of Virginia, on Tuesday January 8th, 1918, at 11 o'clock a. m.

A. M. McLachlen, President.
John A. Massie, Treasurer.
295-12t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Alexandria National Bank
Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8, 1917

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House of said Bank, on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M to 1 p. m.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier
295-25t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Citizens National Bank
Alexandria, Va.
Dec. 8th, 1917

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January 8th. 1918, at 12 o'clock noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

Richard M. Green, Cashier.
294-25t.

Legal Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Lines will, on December 20th, at 10 a. m., apply to the State Corporation Commission at Richmond, Va., for authority to retain the Ten Cents (10c) excess fare collected on trains from passengers taking such trains at stations open for the sale of tickets:

Atlantic Coast Line Railway, Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway Company, The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, Danville and Western Railway Company New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railway Company, Richmond Fredericksburg and Potomac R. R., Washington Southern Railway, Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, The Virginia Railway Company.
Dec. 7-8-12-15.

Notice Annual Meeting.

December 8, 1917

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Alexandria, Va., will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the election of directors and transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEO. E. WARFIELD, Cashier.
295-25t.

Notice.

Washington Memorial Lodge of Perfection No. 7 will hold its regular meeting, Friday, December 14, 1917, at 7:30. All members and visitors are invited to be present.

294-5t.

Auction Sale.

To Dusan Zack, whose last known post-office address was General Delivery, Waco, Texas:

Take notice that Harvey W. Summers, surviving partner of the John W. Summers Co., having first given the notice required by Chapter 220 of Acts of 1908 of the General Assembly of Virginia, will, for the purpose of satisfying his warehouseman's lien for storage and his lien fo. reapirs, sell at public auction for cash, at Nos. 115-117 south Pitt street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, December 22, 1917, beginning at the hour of ten o'clock A. M., one "gypsy" wagon, which was stored in the name of the said Dusan Zack.

If, for any reason, the said sale be not commenced on the said 22nd day of December, 1917, or, if commenced, be not concluded on that day, the said sale will be adjourned and continued from day to day, at the same place and commencing at the same hour, until the same shall be completed.

Given under my hand this 5th day of December, 1917.

HARVEY W. SUMMERS,
Surviving partner of the John W. Summers Co.
290-Dec. 5-12.

THOMAS L. CARTER, Auctioneer.

Auction sale of desirable garage or stable property, known as Mt. Vernon Garage.

Pursuant to the terms of a deed of trust, bearing date on October 5, 1914, given by Robert G. Smith and wife to Charles B. Marshall, Trustee, and duly recorded among the land records of the City of Alexandria Virginia, in Deed Book 64, page 75 said deed of trust having been given to secure the payment of certain indebtedness therein set forth, default having been made in the payment of part of said indebtedness, the undersigned, being the Executrix of the aforesaid Charles B. Marshall, Trustee, at the request and by the direction of the holder of the notes due and unpaid, will offer for sale at public auction on the premises, at 12 o'clock noon, **On Saturday, December 15th, 1917**, the following described real estate situate, lying and being on the east side of St. Asaph street, between King and Cameron streets, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Beginning on St. Asaph street at a point 123 feet 5 inches to the southward of Cameron street, and running thence southwardly along St. Asaph street and binding therewith 53 feet 7 inches to an alley; thence eastwardly with a line parallel to Cameron street 123 feet 5 inches; thence northwardly with a line parallel to St. Asaph street 53 feet 7 inches; and thence westwardly with a straight line to the beginning, with the use of and right of way over the above mentioned alley in common with others entitled thereto, together with all buildings and improvements thereon and with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances to the said real estate belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Terms of sale: One-third cash and the balance in one and two years; the deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually and to be secured by first deed of trust upon the said property, or all cash at the option of the purchaser or purchasers. Conveyancing at the cost of the purchaser.

Margaret L Eidsness.
Executrix of Charles B. Marshall, Trustee, dec'd.
Gardner L. Boothe, Attorney.
287-td

Sale of Property for Non-Payment of Taxes.

Under the following resolution passed by the City Council Tuesday, November 27, 1917, I will sell at public auction on Monday, December 17, 1917, in front of the Market Building, Royal Stret, Alexandria, Va., the following: LOTS AND IMPROVEMENTS thereon, or as much thereof as may be necessary to pay and satisfy the taxes, assessments, or charges due to the City Council of Alexandria on the same.

Resolved, That the Collector of Taxes be and is hereby directed to proceed and sell at public auction all real estate in the City of Alexandria on which taxes are due and unpaid to June 1, 1917, in conformity to the City Charter and Laws relating to the same and sale to commence Monday, December 17, 1917, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and continue from time to time and day to day until all such real estate is sold.

The purchaser will be required to pay, at time of sale, the taxes, assessments, charges and expenses of sale.

The sale will commence at 10 o'clock A. M, on the day specified and if not completed on this day will be continued from day to day and from time to time until completed.

P. F. GORMAN,
Collector of Taxes.

First Ward.

Richard H. Brooks, Jr., house and lot 723 1-2 south Fairfax street 916 . . . . . $8.29

Morton G. Douglas, Sr., house and lot 403 south Lee street, 1916 $13 50

Wm. J. McKenney, house and lot 905 south Lee street, 1916. . . $11.62

Martha Williams, house and lot 511 Gibbon street, 1915-16. . . . $9.35

Second Ward

Nancy Lucas, house and lot 739 north Washington street, 1916 $6 78

John McK. Ware, lot 420 1-2 north Pitt street, 1914-15-16 . . . . $5.82

Third Ward.

Richard Bentley, house and lots 313-315 north Patrick street, 1916 . . . . . $22.76

Elias Cole, 2 houses and lots 1117-1119 Queen street, 1916 . . . $17.43

Ruth Dabney, 2 lots 406-408 north Columbus street, 1916 . . . . $15.50

Edward P. Dixon, Sr., house and lot 324 north Patrick street, 1916 $7.75

John H. Fisher, house and lot 120 north Columbus street, 1916 $30 91

Jane E. Smith, house and lot 421 north Alfred street, 1914-15-16 $61 92

Isaac Thornton, house and lot 807 Madison street, 1916 . . . . . $6.35

J. C. Vaughn Todd, 5 lots Nos. 1 to 5 block 8 Braddock, 1916.. $7.75

J. C. Vaughn Todd, 5 lots Nos 20 to 24 Braddock, 1916 . . . . . $7.75

Fourth Ward.

Mary J. Parker and als, house and lot 609 south Alfred street, 1916 $6.78
290-10t.

RICHMOND, THURSDAY DEC. 13

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A five-reel picture of clever situations, rapid action and the fascinating star.

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Story of a wilful girl and what happened to her and how she beat the gossips

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MUTUAL WEEKLY NEWS

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

N. B.—Following schedule figures published only as information. Not guaranteed.

Trains leave Union Station, Alexandria:

4:27 a. m., Daily—Memphis Special. Sleeping cars and coaches for Lynchburg, Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, Memphis Washington sleeping cars open after 10:00 p. m. Dining car.

7.37 a. m., Local to Danville.

7:47 a. m., Daily—Local to Harrisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

9:17 a. m., Daily—U. S. fast mail Coaches and sleeping cars to Charlotte, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans. Sleeping car Salisbury to Asheville. Dining car.

9.37 a. m., Daily-Manassas Orange and Charlottesville and limited beyond to Atlanta. Coaches only.

4:02 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local to Harrisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

4:22 p. m., Daily—Local to Charlottesville. Parlor car to Warrenton, daily except Sunday.

5:12 p. m., Daily—Birmingham Special Coaches and sleeping cars to Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car. Daily tourist car to California.

5:22 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local for Warrenton.

7:17 p. m., Daily—Augusta Special. Coaches and sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Sleeping cars to Asheville Dining car.

10:02 p. m., Daily—Washington & Chattanooga Limited. (V.a Lynchburg). Coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga New Orleans. Dining car.

11:02 p. m. Daily—New York & New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and Observation cars to Atlanta and New Orleans. Sleeping car to Macon. Dining car.

S. D. SHELTON,
Union Ticket Agent, Alexandria, Va
R. H. DeBUTTS,
Division Passenger Agent, Washington, D. C.

Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Co.

Steamers of this line leave Alexandria every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. at 4:45 p. m.

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THE WASHINGTON VIRGINIA RAILWAY CO.

In effect June 31, 1915.
Subject to Change Without Notice.

Leave Alexandria For Washington—Daily Except Sundays and Holidays

A. M.----5 00, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20, 6 40, 6 55, 7 10, 7 20, 7 30, 7 40, 7 50, 8 00, 8 10, 8 20, 8 40, 9 00, 9 20, 9 40; 10 00, 10 20, 10 40, 11 00, 11 20, 11 40, Noon 12 00.

P. M.----12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40, 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40, 4 00, 4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00, 6 40, 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00, 8 30, 9 00, 9 30, 10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 55

Sunday and Holidays, same as above except trains at 5 00, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20, 6 40, 7 10, 7 30, 7 50, and 8 10 A. M and 11 55 P. M.

Leave Alexandria For Mt. Vernon.

A. M.---Week Days---5 35, 6 55, 7 55, 8 55, 10 30, 11 30,—P. M.—12 30, 1 20, 2 30, 3 30, 4 30, 5 35, 6 40, 7 35, 8 32, 10 20, 11 50.

Sunday as above except 8 30 and 9 55 A. M and 11 50 P M

Washington Southern Ry.

Schedule in effect July 2, 1917.

For Washington and points north daily 8:08, 8:23, 8:33, 10.38, 10:45 a. m. 12:01, 1:28, 2:30, (through train for New York, via P. R. R.) 5:14, 5.53, 8:23, 11:33 p. m.

Saturdays only, 4:45 p. m., and Sundays only 8:08 p. m

For Fredericksburg, Richmond and points south at 4:37, 7:52 (local) and 47, a. m. 12:16, 3:22, 3:32, 5:17 local) 7:02, 9:47 p. m. daily.

Accommodation for Quantico at 11:18 a. m. daily and 2:15 p. m. Saturdays. Night train leaves 11:30 p. m. daily for stations Lorton to Fredericksburg inclusive.

NOTE—Times of arrival and departure and connections not guaranteed.

Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company.

Every day in the year for Fortress Monroe, Norfolk, Newport News and points south via superb, powerful steel palace steamers.

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